

1 CLAIM LISTING

2 1. through 23. (Canceled)

3 24. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

4 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
5 system;

6 receiving a wager in the gaming system;

7 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;

8 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive
9 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;

10 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning
11 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
12 amount being larger than the first wager amount;

13 increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager; and

14 increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager, wherein

15 the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first
16 progressive jackpot.

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18 25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein increasing the first progressive
19 jackpot comprises increasing the first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the
20 wager, and

21 wherein increasing the second progressive jackpot comprises increasing the second
22 progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second percentage being larger
23 than the first percentage.

1 26. (Previously Presented) A gaming method further comprising:
2 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
3 system;
4 receiving a wager in the gaming system;
5 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;
6 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive
7 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;
8 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning
9 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
10 amount being larger than the first wager amount; and
11 paying the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive jackpot if the random
12 gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least the second
13 wager amount.

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15 27. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:
16 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
17 system;
18 receiving a wager in the gaming system;
19 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;
20 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive
21 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;

1 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning
2 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
3 amount being larger than the first wager amount;

4 resetting the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after
5 paying the first progressive jackpot, and resetting the second progressive jackpot to a second
6 predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and

7 wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

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9 28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27 wherein the second predetermined reset
10 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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12 29. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

13 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
14 system;

15 receiving a wager in the gaming system;

16 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;

17 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive
18 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;

19 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning
20 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
21 amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

22 the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

1 30. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:
2 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
3 system;
4 receiving a wager in the gaming system;
5 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;
6 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive
7 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and
8 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning
9 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
10 amount being larger than the first wager;
11 wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;
12 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming
13 machines; and
14 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager
15 received by any unique linked gaming machine.
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1 31. (Currently Amended) A gaming method comprising the steps of:
2 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
3 system;
4 receiving a wager in the gaming system;
5 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;
6 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive
7 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and
8 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning
9 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
10 amount being larger than the first wager amount;
11 wherein the wager activates a single [play line] payline for a gaming machine [receiving
12 the wager].
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14 32. (Currently Amended) A gaming method comprising the steps of:
15 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
16 system;
17 receiving a wager in the gaming system;
18 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;
19 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive
20 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and
21 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning
22 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
23 amount being larger than the first wager amount;

1 wherein the wager activates a plurality of [play lines] paylines for a gaming machine
2 [receiving the wager].

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4 33. (Currently Amended) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

5 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
6 system;

7 receiving a wager in the gaming system;

8 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;

9 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive
10 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and

11 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning
12 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
13 amount being larger than the first wager amount;

14 wherein a number of [play lines] paylines activated by the second wager amount is
15 identical to a number of [play lines] paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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17 34. (Currently Amended) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

18 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
19 system;

20 receiving a wager in the gaming system;

21 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;

22 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive
23 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and

1 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning
2 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
3 amount being larger than the first wager amount;

4 wherein a number of [play lines] paylines activated by the second wager amount is larger
5 than a number of [play lines] paylines activated by the first wager amount.
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7 35. through 70. (Canceled)
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9 71. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

10 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

11 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
12 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

13 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

14 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
15 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
16 wager amount;

17 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming
18 result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a
19 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

20 wherein in response to the detector receiving the wager, the gaming system increases the
21 first progressive jackpot and increases the second progressive jackpot, the increase in the second
22 progressive jackpot being larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.
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1 72. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 71, wherein the gaming system increases the
2 first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and wherein the gaming system
3 increases the second progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second
4 percentage being larger than the first percentage.

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6 73. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:
7 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;
8 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
9 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;
10 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;
11 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
12 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
13 wager amount;
14 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming
15 result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a
16 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and
17 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive
18 jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is
19 at least the second wager amount.
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21 74. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:
22 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

1 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
2 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

3 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

4 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
5 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
6 wager amount;

7 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming
8 result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a
9 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

10 wherein the gaming machine resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined
11 reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot
12 to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and

13 wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

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15 75. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 74, wherein the second predetermined reset
16 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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18 76. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

19 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

20 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
21 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

22 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

1 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
2 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
3 wager amount;

4 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming
5 result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a
6 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

7 wherein the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

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9 77. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

10 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

11 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
12 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

13 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

14 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
15 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
16 wager amount;

17 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming
18 result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a
19 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

20 wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

21 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming
22 machines; and

1 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager
2 received by any unique linked gaming machine.

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4 78. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

5 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

6 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
7 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

8 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

9 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
10 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
11 wager amount;

12 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming
13 result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a
14 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

15 wherein the wager activates a single [play line] payline for ~~[[a]]~~ the gaming machine
16 [receiving the wager].

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18 79. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

19 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

20 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
21 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

22 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

1 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
2 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
3 wager amount;

4 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming
5 result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a
6 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

7 wherein the wager activates a plurality of [play lines] paylines for [[a]] the gaming
8 machine [receiving the wager].

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10 80. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

11 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

12 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
13 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

14 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

15 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
16 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
17 wager amount;

18 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming
19 result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a
20 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

21 wherein a number of [play lines] paylines activated by the second wager amount is
22 identical to a number of [play lines] paylines activated by the first wager amount.

1 81. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

2 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

3 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
4 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

5 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

6 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
7 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
8 wager amount;

9 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming
10 result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a
11 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

12 wherein a number of [play lines] paylines activated by the second wager amount is larger
13 than a number of [play lines] paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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15 82. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

16 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

17 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
18 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

19 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result; and

20 wherein the gaming system pays the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the
21 second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result.

1 83. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 82, wherein in response to the detector
2 receiving a wager, the gaming system increases ~~[[a]]~~ the first progressive jackpot and increases
3 ~~[[a]]~~ the second progressive jackpot, wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is
4 larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.
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6 84. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein the gaming system increases the
7 first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and wherein the gaming system
8 increases the second progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second
9 percentage being larger than the first percentage.
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11 85. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82:
12 wherein the gaming system resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined
13 reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot
14 to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and
15 wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.
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17 86. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 85, wherein the second predetermined reset
18 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.
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20 87. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein the gaming system comprises a
21 single gaming machine.
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23 88. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82:

1 wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

2 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming
3 machines; and

4 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager
5 received by any unique linked gaming machine.

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7 89. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 82, wherein a wager sensed by the detector
8 activates a single [play line for a] payline for the gaming machine [receiving the wager].

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10 90. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 82, wherein a wager sensed by the detector
11 activates a plurality of [play lines for a] paylines for the gaming machine [receiving the wager].

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13 91. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 82, wherein a number of [play lines] paylines
14 activated by a second wager amount is identical to a number of [play lines] paylines activated by
15 a first wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

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17 92. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 82, wherein a number of [play lines] paylines
18 activated by a second wager amount is larger than a number of [play lines] paylines activated by
19 a first wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

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21 93. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:
22 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
23 system;

1 receiving a wager in the gaming system;
2 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system; and
3 paying the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot
4 if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result.
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6 94. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93 further comprising the steps of:
7 increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager; and
8 increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager, wherein the
9 increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first progressive
10 jackpot.
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12 95. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 94, wherein increasing the first
13 progressive jackpot comprises increasing the first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the
14 wager, and wherein increasing the second progressive jackpot comprises increasing the second
15 progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second percentage being larger than
16 the first percentage.
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18 96. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, further comprising resetting the
19 first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first progressive
20 jackpot, and resetting the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount
21 after paying the second progressive jackpot; wherein the first and the second predetermined reset
22 amounts are larger than zero.
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1 97. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 96, wherein the second predetermined reset
2 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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4 98. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the gaming system
5 comprises a single gaming machine.

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7 99. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93 wherein the gaming system
8 comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

9 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming
10 machines; and

11 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager
12 received by any unique linked gaming machine.

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14 100. (Currently Amended) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the wager activates a
15 single [play line] payline for a gaming machine [receiving the wager].

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17 101. (Currently Amended) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the wager activates a
18 plurality of [play lines] paylines for the gaming machine [receiving the wager].

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20 102. (Currently Amended) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein a number of [play lines]
21 paylines activated by a second wager amount is identical to a number of [play lines] paylines
22 activated by a first wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager
23 amount.

1 103. (Currently Amended) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein a number of [play lines]
2 paylines activated by a second wager amount is larger than a number of [play lines] paylines
3 activated by a first wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager
4 amount.